

NOTES

from the overground

Andreas Papandreou, N.Y. Times
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✓ "But the end of the civil war [in Greece] in 1949 did not mean the end of American involvement in Greek affairs. Washington continued to bolster and 'guide' the various Athens governments, expending a total of \$1.4 billion in military aid between 1950 and 1967. This enabled the representatives of the Defense Department and of the CIA to play an even more important role in Greek affairs than did members of the State Department. The American military has made the substantive decisions concerning the weaponry and structural organization of the Greek army and has exercised,

through the palace, a considerable influence on promotions among Greek officers.

"A number of personal experiences brought home to me the nature and extent of this outside intervention in our domestic affairs. In 1960, for instance . . . I was visited by the head of the CIA in Greece. His purpose was to persuade me to pressure my father, a leader of the centrist parties, to accept a CIA-sponsored change in the Greek electoral system designed to disfranchise the left. I said I doubted that my father would support the plan, for, although he was strongly anti-communist, he did have respect for the democratic system. The CIA official stood up abruptly, pointed his finger at me and said sharply: 'You tell your father we get what we want!'"

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"Well, Grove Press got it the other night. Who's next? A self-admitted group of anti-Castro Cubans roams the cities at will, planting bombs against or in the offices of 'traitors of the Western World.' Many of these dynamite experts are known to have been trained by the CIA, but that's in the past. What about the present? The FBI is masterfully adept at infiltrating the Communist party, the new left, the black extremists. Are there no Latin-speaking FBI agents? Or is it that J. Edgar Hoover can't be bothered?"